financial assistance. Approval of applications seeking financial assistance is given based on the technical feasibility and financial viability of the proposals. Assisted units are set up as per projections of gestation period visualized in the project report.

Food Processing Parks in Karnataka

2121. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has forwarded a proposal for approval of three food processing parks at Belgaum, Maddur and Chitradurga; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA): (a) and (b) Of the proposals for setting up of food parks received from Government of Karnataka, three were for Belgaum, Maddur and Chitradurga. Two proposals complete in all respects for Malur and Bagalkot in Karnataka, have already been provided financial assistance.

Promotion of Science and Technology through Regional Languages

2122. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the State Bureau of Text Book Preparation and Production, Orissa for production of two volumes of Glossary on Scientific and Technical books in regional languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to promote Science and Technology through regional languages in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In April 2001, the Orissa State Bureau of Text Book Preparation and Production made a request to the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology for updating scientific and technical terminology in Oriya. The Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology, (a subordinate office of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education) and the Orissa State Text Book Bureau, working together, identified 14 different subjects in this regard. Various meetings and workshops were held with professors, scholars and scientists. As a result,

one lakh new terms in Oriya were evolved. They are being processed for printing and publishing by the Orissa Text Book Bureau.

(c) Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology works in cooperation with various State Government agencies to promote science and technology in different regional languages. Its aim is to enrich and develop all Indian Languages as mediums of instruction. It has been engaged in the task of evolving technical terms in Hindi, producing university level text books, definitional dictionaries and various reference literature. So far, 53 definitional dictionaries have been published. The Commission also prepares and publishes monographs, digests and readings, monitors the activities of the Hindi Granth Academies/University Cells in Hindi speaking states, compiles and publishes Pan-Indian technical terms, and a journal of Science in Hindi, the Vigyan Garima Sindhu, with a view to encourage language writing in the sciences.

A total of 5.5 lakhs technical terms have been evolved in different disciplines, such as Basic Sciences, Social Science, Humanities, Technology, Medicine, Agriculture, etc. Over one lakhs terms have been keyed-in and entered into computers.

Budget for women specific schemes

2123. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether budgetary allocations for women specific schemes have declined during the last three years;

(a) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the action proposed to get more funds from the Ministry of finance, to accelerate women's empowerment programmes and comprehensive welfare schemes for older single women, including widows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Freezing the number of Employees in KVS

2124. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 254, given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 2002 and state: